Spotlight Long Gone From Trudi Ederle, First Woman to Swim English Channel

EDITOR'S NOTE: Once the toast of the nation, Trudi Ederle —first woman to swim the English channel — still likes to take a nostalgic look back at the glittering 20's.

By BOB SONDERSKOV

SEABRIGHT, N.J., Oct. 6 (AP) — "I was at the shore," the husky, middle-aged woman said. "I decided to swim down to a point of land. I made the four miles in one hour and 19 minutes . . . not bad. I'll tell you something, I won 5 on that race."

Five dollars isn't much compared with the $900,000 she earned in the two years after becoming the first woman to swim the English Channel. For this was Gertrude (Trudi) Ederle speaking of a swim she made at this resort where she summers, and that long ago splash to fame and fortune.

Once the toast of the nation, Trudi hasn't seen much of the limelight since 1928. Through the years she has appeared in a few commercial ventures. A Connecticut resort invited some Olympic hopefuls for a match last summer. Trudi presented the awards.

Decades of wars and troubles have piled on the glittering 20's that saw Trudi accomplish her feat. Many men and women have swum the Channel since. In 1950 Florence Chadwick broke Trudi's record of 14 hours and 31 minutes with a phenomenal 13 hour, 20 minute crossing.

Blazed Trail

But Trudi's performance, on Aug. 6, 1926, blazed the trail. She enjoys recalling those days when the nation hummed a song in her honor — "Trudi" — when there were ticker tape showers and she made nearly a million dollars in two years of vaudeville and sports touring.

Nostalgia, perhaps, but no regret at fading from people's minds. "I'm comfortable," she says today. "I'll always be happy if I have what I have now."

It was near Seabright that Trudi learned to swim in the Atlantic. The daughter of a Brooklyn butcher, she held 29 international and American records when she turned professional at 18.

At 19, Gertrude Ederle had come a long way from the West Side shop of her father to the English channel shore. She had knocked on the door the year before. She said she had been taken from the water by her trainer and could have finished "no sweat."

But in 1926, the girl won her quest. Fifty singing newsmen did their best to supplant the broken phonograph that was to have paced her.

Crammed Into Tug

Witnesses to Trudi's triumph were also family, financial backers, trainers and newsreel cameramen. They were all crammed into a bobbing tug that churned alongside Trudi as she fought the stormy Channel.

The newsmen cabled tens of thousands of words to the world on Trudi's progress. The darkness at Kingsdown where she waded ashore was broken by the flares and flashes of cameramen. Trudi hit the front pages of virtually every European and American newspaper.

In 1928, just as she gained voting age, illness and hard luck toppled her from the pedestal.

"In 1928 I developed ear trouble," she said. "The doctors thought I'd lose my hearing if I went into the water. I stayed out for eight months. We went to all the doctors. What could I do, though? In those days there were no hearing aids." (she wears one today.)

The spotlight passed her by. She had to scrap plans for a European tour. Then, in 1933, she fell down a flight of stairs. Physicians feared she might not walk again, but she was able to sprint across Billy Rose's Aquacade pool on the anniversary of the channel crossing in 1939.

Trudi, who never married, lives in New York.

American Tanks Rumble in Japan Again

American-built tanks, manned by Japanese soldiers, roll single file in downtown Tokyo, Japan, as the Japanese celebrated Defense Forces Day on Oct. 1. Several thousand Japanese soldiers of the Ground Self-Defense Force participated in the review. (AP Wirephoto)

Eden Hospitalized With Sudden Fever

LONDON, Oct. 6 (AP) — Prime Minister Eden, hospitalized with a sudden fever, was reported comfortable tonight.

"He had a restful day and his fever is lessening," an aide told reporters.

The 59-year-old statesman was stricken with "a sudden feverish chill" while visiting his wife in University College Hospital. She was there for a dental checkup. She could have left today but decided to stay on until her husband is fit again.

During the afternoon Eden dealt with some Cabinet papers, aides said. They reported him comfortable and "very cheerful" and said he expected to be back at work early next week.

General King Marries at 72

SEA ISLAND, Ga., Oct. 6 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Edward T. King Jr. who commanded U.S. troops on Bataan in the Philippines when it surrendered to the Japanese in 1942, took his second wife today at 72.

King was married to Mrs. Pauline King Beutell of St. Simons Island, Ga., at Christ Episcopal church, St. Simons.

A native of Atlanta, the retired officer spent 41 months in a prison camp after the surrender. He took command of Bataan troops after Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the late Gen. Jonathan Wainwright moved to the Corregidor bastion.

King's wife died two years ago. The bride is a divorcee. He makes his home at Sea Island and in Saluda, S.C.

The bride has been employed in the Sea Island post office.

A native of Brunswick, she lived for some time at Thomasville, Ga.

'Quest for Peace' Leaflet Published, Quotes Ike, Dulles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (AP)—The State Department published today a 35-page pamphlet called "The Quest for Peace" with this subtitle:

"Quotations from President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles highlighting the major steps in the search for peace through the security and unity of the free world."

The material in the pamphlet was prepared in the public services section of the Public Affairs Division of the State Department.

This division customarily publishes material useful for distribution abroad as part of the American foreign propaganda program and for release within the United States as a means of informing people on U.S. foreign policy.

Today's pamphlet covers 19 subjects ranging from atoms for peace to the Treste settlement between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Yugoslav, Soviet Differences Not Resolved at Talks

BELGRADE, Oct. 6 (AP)—Borba, Yugoslavia's major Communist newspaper, reported tonight that differences between Russia and Yugoslavia were not resolved at the Yalta conference between President Tito and Soviet leaders.

The newspaper, commenting on the talks between Tito and Soviet party boss Nikita Khushchev, said there remained "certain open questions concerning mutual relations."

"Differences still exist," said Borba, "regarding forces and elements influencing developments toward socialism in the world. These differences are primarily of ideological nature."

The paper hailed the "free and open exchanges" between top Russian and Yugoslav leaders, saying they "confirmed that mutual relations between the two nations are developing along democratic principles."

Captured Con Charged With Vehicle Theft

COOS BAY, Oct. 6 (AP)—Coos County authorities added a new charge yesterday to the record of Ernest Leroy Gibson, 29, whose capture ended one of the most extensive manhunts in this area in years.

He was surprised by police early yesterday morning while trying to nap in a car on a Coos Bay street. That was after he had evaded capture for 72 hours in the brush-covered hills of Cape Arago and the nearby Seven Devils area.

Gibson was arraigned here yesterday afternoon on a new charge of larceny resulting from a car theft. He was held under $5,000 bail. In Eugene, meanwhile, Lane County authorities filed to hold order on the prisoner.

A Bend taxicab driver, Loyal Van Dyke, has accused of Gibson of kidnapping him in Eugene and forcing him to drive on to the coast, after hiring the cab in Bend.

Gibson already was facing a life sentence as an habitual criminal when he broke out of the Linn County jail in Albany Sept. 7, with three other potential life termers as companions. Only one of the four, Earl Junior Bonnie, 31, Silverton, remains at large. One was captured near Los Angeles and the other drowned in the Willamette River near Salem.

Frank Patchell Services Held

Statesman News Service

LEBANON, Oct. 6 — Concluding rites for Frank Patchell, 64, who died at his home here, were held today at Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem.

Patchell was a log scaler and had lived in the Lebanon area since coming from Tacoma, Wash., in 1941. The Rev. G. Wesley Turner officiated. Both the Masonic and Elks lodges also were in charge of rituals. The widow, Peggy Patchell, is a survivor.

13th Yank Pilot Arrives at Suez

PORT SAID, Oct. 6 (AP)— The 13th American to join Egypt's Suez Canal authority as a pilot arrived at Port Said today. Peter Olas Uhren of 2383 Union St. San Francisco, will begin training as a canal pilot tomorrow.

Now 13 American pilots—and 15 Russians—have joined the Egyptian company since the mass walkout of foreign pilots last month.

Honesty Pays For Worker

CHICAGO, Oct. 6 (AP)—A railroad officer this week commended an injured employe's honesty and authorized a $62,500 settlement of the worker's $150,000 suit against the road.

Gordon E. Archie, 29, of East St. Louis, admitted he was partly to blame for a head injury suffered May 21, 1954 when the handle of a brake slipped from his hands.

Joseph H. Wright, vice president and chief counsel of the Illinois Central Railroad, praised Archie for his admission and said:

"Archie honestly stated he was partly responsible. We are glad to make prompt and reasonable settlement. I wish all were as honest as Archie has been."

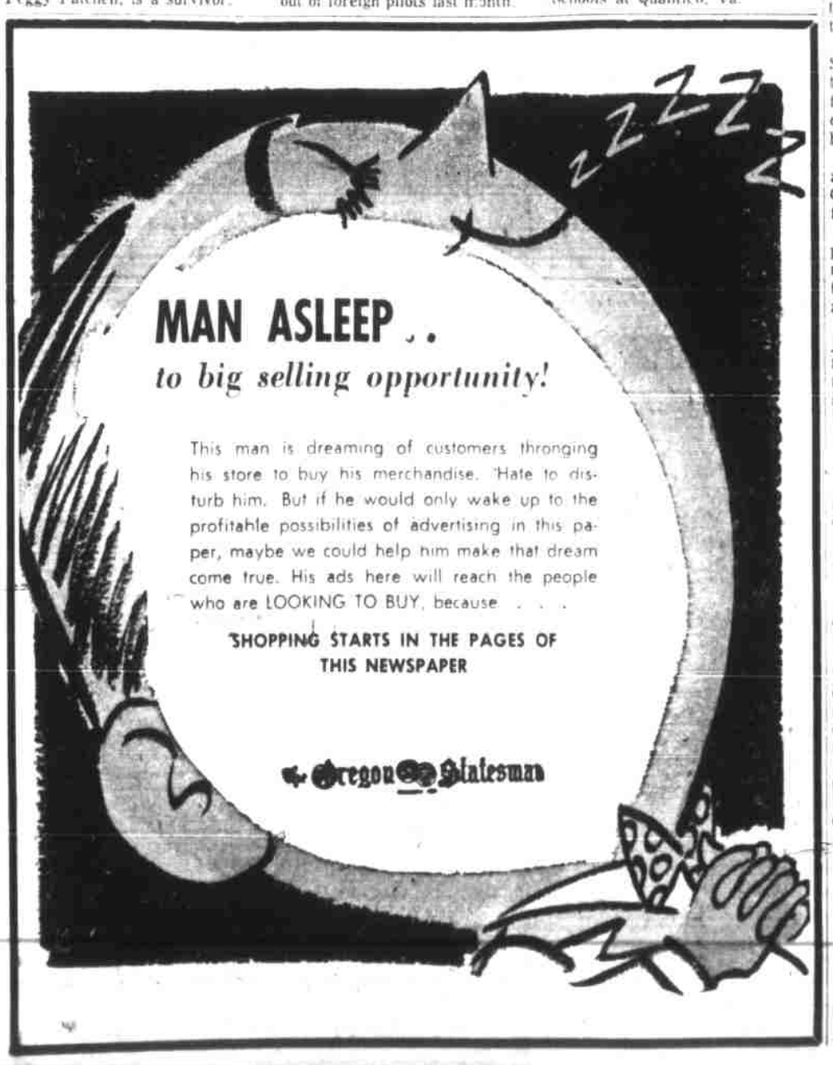
Wright told the switchman his job is waiting when he is able to resume work. The settlement was reached at a pre-trial conference in the court of Circuit Judge Frank Leonard.

Demo Governor Slightly Alters Eisenhower Day

DENVER, Oct. 6 (AP)—Colorado's governor, Democrat Ed C. Johnson, has joined in a get-out-the-vote drive Oct. 13 in connection with President Eisenhower's birthday, but he proclaimed the occasion "Decision to Vote Day" rather than "Ike Day" as national sponsors suggested.

Johnson drew the proclamation, urging all citizens to vote at the Nov. 6 election, at the request of Charles H. Percy, national chairman of the Ike Day Committee, who emphasized that the plan was intended as a nonpartisan move.

Oceanographers in Canada are completing a model of 302 miles of the Pacific Ocean, holding thousands of gallons of water, to give them quick information on tidal movements.



Sgt. McKeon Sees Lighter Term as 'Fair'

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C., Oct. 6 (AP)—Matthew C. McKeon, calm and relieved after a reduction in his punishment for leading a march on which six Marines drowned, predicted sadly today that, "I'll never command troops again."

The former drill sergeant from Worcester, Mass., said he considered his revised sentence of a month in the brig and reduction to private "very just and very fair."

His lawyer at the sensational court-martial here in July and August, Emile Zola Berman of New York City, said, "This sentence meets the needs of the case."

The Marine Corps League sent McKeon "sincere best wishes for the future."

"Not Satisfied"

But the mother of one of the drowned recruits was "not a bit satisfied" with Secretary of the Navy Thomas' decision to let McKeon, 31, stay in the Corps.

And the mother of another said it leaves "the door open for the same thing to happen again."

Thomas overuled the bad conduct discharge ordered by the court-martial Aug. 3. He reduced the confinement period from nine months to three and set aside a $270 fine. Thomas noted that McKeon's reduction in rank to private would cost him much more than the fine.

Only Month

McKeon will be in the brig only one month because he has been "in the status of arrest" since he was convicted of negligent homicide and drinking on duty.

A bitter complaint about the outcome of the case came from Mrs. Maggie Lucile Meks of Savannah, Ga. She is the mother of Thomas Curtis Hardeman, one of the 74 recruits McKeon led into a tidal stream the night of April 8.

Lt. Gen. Randolph McC. Pate, commandant of the Corps, and Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Burger, former commander at Parris Island, "handed us mothers a pretty dirty deal," Mrs. Meks said. "They promised to see that new orders for safer recruit training at Parris Island were started, but you know as well as I that it hasn't been done."

"No Legal Rights"

The six recruits "are gone but he—McKeon—got his sentence reduced," she declared. "We American citizens have got no legal rights."

Mrs. Alma T. Coughlin of Alexandria, Va., said "I knew they never really intended to do anything to him. It was a mock trial if there ever was one."

Mrs. Coughlin, whose 17-year-old son, Jerry Lamont Thomas, died in the march said of McKeon:

"If that's the kind of trash the Marine Corps wants, I guess they are full of them from the top right on down."

Salem Obituaries

2nd Lt. Charles Victor Benner

Late resident of Ashley Courts, in the city of Baldasta, Georgia, October 4th. Age 21 years. Husband of Ella Doris Benner of Baldasta, Georgia. Son of Byron Benner, Rosalia, Washington and Mrs. Helen N. Engstrom, Salem. Brother of Carl and David Engstrom, Salem; Mrs. Stanley H. Sherman, Portland and Mary Engstrom, Salem. Services will be held Thursday, October 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel of the W. T. Rigdon Co. with interment at Restlawn Memory Gardens.

Gale Lowell Fox

Late resident of 2845 Portland Rd., at a local hospital October 6th. Survived by wife, Mrs. Kate Fox, Salem; son, Lowell Fox, Salem; sister, Jessie Gray, Portland. Services at Virgil T. Golden Chapel, Tuesday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m. Interment Restlawn Memory Gardens.

John William Hunt

Late resident of 2610 Hollywood Dr., in this city, Oct. 5, at the age of 69. Father of Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Salem and Mrs. Foy Cole, Gastor, Canada; Kenneth J. Hunt of Salem, also 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Services Monday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of W. T. Rigdon Co. Interment at City View Cemetery.

Knaffle H. Pickens

Late resident of 1196 Juniper St., Coos Bay, Ore., at a Portland hospital, Oct. 4. Survived by wife, Mrs. Hazel Pickens, Coos Bay, Ore. Daughter Mrs. Lois Dale Mills, Coos Bay. Son, Robert C. Pickens, Portland. Sisters, Mrs. Jessie Taylor, Salem; Mrs. Marie Travis, McMinnville. Brother, Ivan Pickens, Roseburg, Ore. Also seven grandchildren. Services will be held Monday, October 8 at 11 a.m. in the Clough Barrick Chapel. Rev. W. Berkeley Ormond officiating. Private concluding services at Portland Memorial Mausoleum. Friends if they wish may contribute in lieu of flowers to the Medical Research Council of Oregon, Infectious Diseases, Care of Dr. John Raaf, Medical Dental Building, Portland, Ore.

Jeffrey Alan Ross

Late resident of 6333 S.E. Dr., Portland. Survived by parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wiliam Ross, Portland. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick Funeral Home.

Arlie E. Simkins

At a local hospital, October 5, late resident of Rt. 1, Salem. Survived by mother, Mrs. Belle Simkins of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Kirkwood, Myrtle Creek, Ore., Mrs. Jennie Smith, Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Beatrice Henry of Portland; Mrs. Reva Davidson, Salem; Mrs. Pauline Kirk, San Francisco; Mrs. Hazel Ray, Salem. Brothers, E. J. Simkins, Salem; Dr. C. S. Simkins, Chicago. Several nieces and nephews. Services at Virgil T. Golden Chapel, Tuesday, October 9, at 2 p.m. Interment Hopewell Cemetery.

Nellie Bartlett White

At the residence, 4945 Delight, Salem, October 5. Survived by three daughters, Mrs. Vera L. Davies, Salem; Mrs. Ora Janes, Salem; Mrs. William Arntz, Benton Harbor, Mich. Son, J. D. White. Seventeen grandchildren. 46 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. Services Monday, Oct. 8 at the St. Joseph Catholic church 9:30 a.m. Recitation of Rosary, Virgil T. Golden Chapel, Sunday, Oct. 7 at 8:15 p.m. Interment Belcrest Memorial Park.

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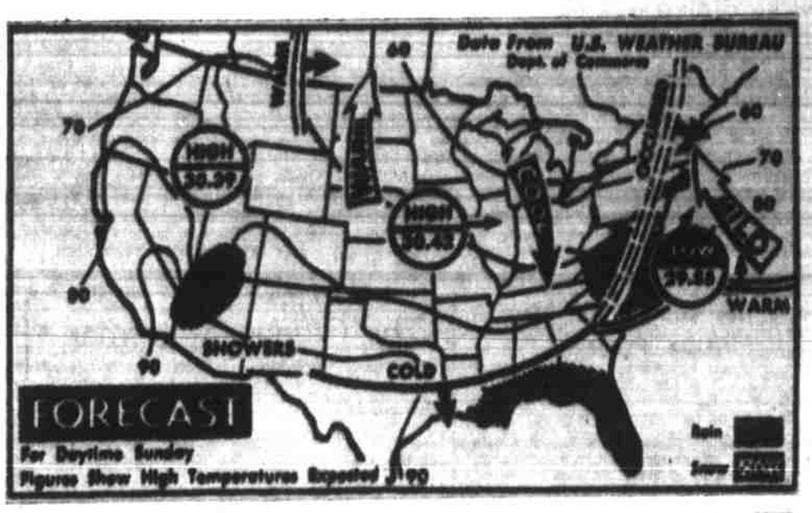
Battleship Visits Big City

Home Is the Sailor NEW YORK, Oct. 6 — The 45,000 ton battleship USS Iowa passes the lower Manhattan skyline as she steams up Hudson River today, in port from sea for a weekend visit. Ship is scheduled to sail Monday for her base at Norfolk, Va. (AP Wirephoto).

Drums Up Votes PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 6 — Sen. Estes Kefauver took a turn pounding lustily on the big bass drum with a band which greeted him here last night. The Democratic vice presidential candidate flew to Pueblo from Phoenix, Ariz., winding up a 19-hour campaign day by appearing at a party dinner and rally. (AP Wirephoto).

Students Back Ike NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 6 — Group of Sons of Eli, standing behind a police barrier, greeted Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson here last night with dissenting placards reading "Let US keep well with Ike." (AP Wirephoto).



Still Clear Most of the country should have clear weather Sunday except for Atlantic coast states and mountains of Arizona, New Mexico and southern Utah. Temperatures will be cooler in Lakes, and Ohio, Tennessee and mid-Mississippi River Valleys and Plains; warmer in middle Atlantic states. (AP Wirephoto).

Charged PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5 — Mrs. Helen Davenport, 76, prominent clubwoman, was charged yesterday with conspiring to violate fraud laws covering mail and securities, one of nine person so arrested. (AP Wirephoto).

Proves Lion Is Tame DENVER, Oct. 6 — Jimmie Wilkinson, who lives high in the Rockies at Buena Vista, Colo., brings his pet Tawney, an 8-month-old mountain lion, to Denver, to see the sights. Passersby give the pair a wide berth. At right, Jimmie hugs Tawney to prove to skeptical watchers lion is really tame. (AP Wirephoto)